

HOUSE BILL 3920

By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private postsecondary education in Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 49-7-2019. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for requirements to operate a proprietary school in this state. Such rules and regulations shall specify that each such proprietary school shall disclose all pertinent information about such school's programs and courses, including, but not limited to, tuition, accreditation, credit transferability, and financial aid assistance, to a prospective student immediately when discussing the school by telephone and make such information readily available on the Internet.

SECTION 2. The higher education commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.